

Firsts in Wasatch County:

21 Families "Wintered-Over"

Date: *Winter 1859-1860*

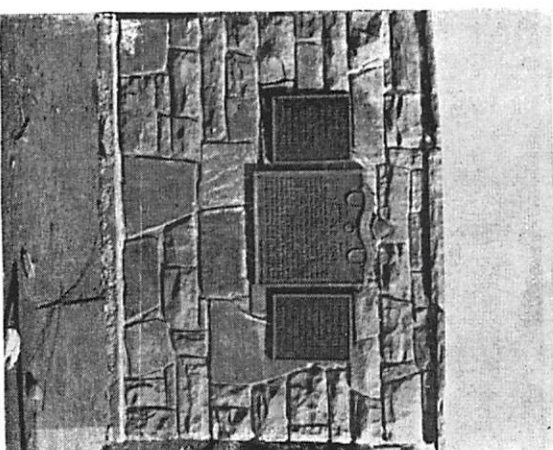
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in front of Smiths*

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HOW BEAUTIFUL UPON THE MOUNTAINS



Old Heber Fort Monument, Heber—The inscription reads: "Daughters of Utah Pioneers, No. 253. Old Heber Fort. In 1858 a group of men came from Provo, surveyed the valley into 20 acre plots and selected the town site of Heber. The following winter twenty families stayed here. As protection from the Indians they built a fort one block west and one block south from the site. Homes built of cottonwood logs and joined together formed the outside walls of the fort. A school house 20 by 40 feet was built within the fort with two fire places and a stage. The building also served for church and social. In 1860 the fort was enlarged to house forty-four families." Families who spent the first winter in the fort are remembered on smaller plaques on the monument. The monument was dedicated by Bishop Heber M. Rasband, a grandson of one of the first settlers, Thomas Rasband. The marker was dedicated July 21, 1959.

*This DHP Monument located at:
550 No Main St.
originally at 600 N. Main near curb.*



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71 families